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### **Two District Men Sentenced to 36-Year Prison Terms in 2007 Slaying of Witness - Victim Was To Testify in Maryland Fraud Case -**

WASHINGTON - Calvin Tinsley and Edward Washington II, both of Washington, D.C., have each been sentenced to 36-year prison terms on first degree murder and other charges in the killing of Malcolm Heath, a witness who was to testify against Washington in a criminal fraud trial, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Tinsley, 39, and Washington, 37, were convicted by a jury in September 2010, following a nine-day trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. They were sentenced on January 28, 2011 by the Honorable Judge Gerald I. Fisher.

According to evidence presented at trial, Heath was a witness against Washington in a criminal fraud case that was scheduled to go to trial in Upper Marlboro, Md., on September 10, 2007. The evidence showed that, on the morning of September 8, 2007, Tinsley shot Heath, 41, five times at close range, in front of 1218 Mount Olivet Road NE, Washington, D.C., where the victim ran a car repair shop.

Washington had been charged with fraud and identity theft in connection with a scheme to steal the identity of former National Football League player Orlando Brown. Shortly before the trial date, Washington learned that Heath was a witness against him. He then solicited Tinsley to kill the victim.

Both defendants were found guilty of first degree murder, while armed, with aggravating circumstances. Tinsley also was found guilty of weapons offenses, and Washington also was found guilty of solicitation of murder.

In announcing the sentences, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the U.S. Park Police, the State's Attorney's Office for

Prince George's County, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Michael Liebman and Erin Lyons, the trial prosecutors.

He also cited the work of Lt. Ozetta Posey and Detective Robert Cephas, the lead detective on the case, as well as Detectives Joshua Branson, Matthew Dailey, Eric Fenton, Anthony Greene, Gus Giannakoulis, Norma Horne and Eric Schuler, all from the MPD.

U.S. Attorney Machen praised numerous other individuals who worked on the case from the MPD, including Sergeants Durriyyah Habeebullah and William White; Technicians Dwayne Mitchell, Ralph Nitz, Natasha Pettus, Stanley Rembish and Keith Slaughter; Officers Carolyn Kelley, Dwayne Moore, Robert Scippio and Lacey Wilkins; Firearms Examiner Rosolyn Brown, and Fingerprint Examiner Barbara Evans.

In addition, he acknowledged the work of Sergeants Terry Felt, Timothy Hodge and Jeffrey Jarboe and Detectives Patrick Fouty, Robert Freeman, Timothy McMorrow, Gregory Monahan, and Robert Scherr, all of the U.S. Park Police, and Investigator Hallie Crance, of the Maryland Motor Vehicles Administration.

Finally he acknowledged the efforts of a team from the U.S. Attorney's Office that, in addition to Assistant U.S. Attorneys Liebman and Lyons, included Investigator Durand Odom; Information Technology Specialists Paul Howell, William Henderson, Thomas Royal and Joe Calvarese; Paralegals Kwasi Fields, Sandra Lane and Wanda Queen, Victim Advocate, and Marcey Rinker and Shawn Slade of the Victim Witness Advocacy Unit.

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